

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the personal conference with the Examiner.

During the personal conference the present invention was discussed and the discussion unit defined in claim 1 was compared with the references applied by the Examiner.

The Examiner indicated that in her opinion claim 1 did not distinguish the present invention from the prior art represented by the Fuhrmann and David references.

In connection with this claim 1 has been amended further to more clearly define the present invention and to distinguish it from the prior art. In particular, claim 1 defines that the closed casing 410 of the discussion unit 10 has an additional, separate, narrow, circumferentially closed edge 424 as a separate element, and the hollow only circumferentially closed rim 42 is removably mounted to the closed casing 410 to cover only the narrow circumferentially closed edge 424 of the closed casing 410.

As explained before and emphasized herein above, the David reference disclosed a display device with a removable panel 110 mounted to cover and overlap outer perimeter portions of a display device to create an aperture for better viewing. The David reference does not have any separate narrow circumferentially closed edge in the closed casing, and in the David reference there is no hollow only circumferentially closed rim which is removably mounted to cover only the additional separate narrow circumferentially closed edge of the closed casing.

This reference does not disclose the new features of the present as defined in amended claim 1, its combination with the Fuhrmann reference also would not lead to the applicant's invention and therefore claim 1 should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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